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SUBJECT: LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PAPAL AUDIENCE

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

BEIRUT ALSO FOR USINT DAMASCUS

REF: ROME 1765 (NOTAL)

1. RELIABLE VATICAN OFFICIAL INFORMED US FEB 12 THAT DURING HIS FEB 7 AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL, LEBANESE FONMIN FUAD NAFFAH DWELT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND NEED TO CREATE SOME FORM OF PALESTINIAN STATE IN WHICH ALL PALESTINIANS WOULD BE SETTLED. NAFFAH STRESSED TO POPE THAT PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON CREATED INSOLUABLE DOMESTIC PROBLEM AND FOR THAT REASON GOL COULD NOT ACCEPT PALESTIAN SOLUTION WHICH ENVISAGED PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIANS THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. NAFFAH DID NOT ENTER INTO QUESTION OF POLITICAL
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OR GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF EVENTUAL PALESTINIAN STATE. HOW-

EVER, HE DID SAY THAT SERIOUS ATTENTION MUST BE NOW GIVEN TO PALESTINIAN QUESTION SINCE IT WILL BE NEXT MAJOR ITEM ON GENEVA AGENDA. IN CONVERSATION WITH POPE, NAFFAH TOUCHED ONLY BRIEFLY ON JERUSALEM, NOTING THAT IT WAS MORE DISTANT PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED AFTER PALESTINIAN QUESTION RESOLVED.

2. IN OTHER TALKS AT VATICAN, NAFFAH NOTED THAT THE STOP AT VATICAN WAS MERELY PART OF HIS SWING THROUGH LATIN AMERICA AND ITALY WHERE HE HAD BEEN BRIEFING LEADERS OF OTHER CATHOLIC COUNTRIES ON LEBANESE VIEWS. VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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